

April

*"Spring is when you feel like
whistling, even when you have
a shoe full of slush!"* By Doug Larson

McCormick's Creek Nature Center Hours: 9:30-4:00 p.m. 7 days a week!

Look for our program schedules on the web at www.interpretiveservices@dnr.IN.gov

*Healthy Parks/Healthy People: Look for HP/HP on the schedule to get 'INshape' with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS! More on the back of this schedule!

You're invited...

NATURE CENTER SHOWER

*Hosted by the Friends of
McCormick's Creek State Park*

When: Saturday, April 7, 2007

Where: McCormick's Creek Nature Center

Open House- between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*(Please shower the Nature Center with a
gift from our wish list- below - to
get our season started!)*

*Make a Rainstick and enjoy
light refreshments and
activities throughout the day.*



Nature Center Wish List

For the animals:

- ****Black Oil Sunflower Seed** (any size);
Suet cakes, Wildlife blend, peanuts; Gift
certificate to a local bait shop or pet
store to help feed resident reptiles.

For the office:

- Jet-Print Photo Paper- Glossy; HP inkjet
print cartridge, 97 Large, color or black;
SD memory card for Kodak EasyShare C330;
Card stock (any color); Plastic storage
bins

For programs/crafts/activities:

- Children's scissors; Glue sticks; Poster
board; String/yarn; Beads; Paper plates;
Clear contact paper; Magnifying glasses;
Bug boxes; 1 lb. bag of organic coffee for
Sunday 'Coffee and Songbird' programs;
gift certificate to bookstore for
children's books

ANY Monetary Donation WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8-

11:00 a.m. EASTERN Cottontail Rabbit-
stories and information.

2:00 p.m. Dying Eggs Naturally!

Our Awakening Landscape

Mini-Seminar Series/Family Program

When: Saturday, April 14, 2007

Where: McCormick's Creek Nature Center

Fee: Full-day \$5/adult, \$2/child

Half-day \$3/adult, \$1/child

Pre-register by: Wed., April 11- 4:00 p.m.

Call the Park Office at 812-829-2235.

Morning- 9:30-12 noon:

Hike around our awakening landscape! Visit special areas of the park to look at the birds and the bees; and the flowers and the trees! Listen for the sounds of spring. Be prepared to hike most of the morning on designated trails. Please wear appropriate clothing; water and light snack provided.

Break- 1 hour lunch- bring your own sack lunch, eat at the Canyon Inn, or in the town of Spencer (about 2 miles west of the park)

Afternoon- 1-3:30 p.m.:

Presentations on gardening for wildlife. What are the best flowers to attract hummingbirds and butterflies? Design your own container plant to take with you and learn what plants work well together.

Wildflower weekend!

April 21-22, 2007



"McCormick's Creek is the place to see amazing spring wildflowers, come and see for yourself!" Hike with an interpretive naturalist to learn common names and unique stories about these spring beauties!

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

9:30 a.m.- Early Bloomers: A series of photos presenting wildflowers that bloom early in the season-February to April. Marc Evans, a "Friend of McCormick's Creek State Park", shares his love for wildflowers through the lens. NC. 30 min.

10:00 a.m.- Using Field Guides 101: What a great feeling to correctly identify a wildflower using a new field guide! You can have this feeling too. Learn some tips about using popular Wildflower Guides. NC. 45 min

11:00 a.m.- The Bells are Ringing- The Bluebells! A staff favorite!! Hike to see Virginia Bluebells along the bottom of the canyon. Meet at Wolf Cave Park. Lot. 1.5 hr.

1:00 p.m.- Toothworts, Dutchman's Breeches, and Squirrel Corn! We'll look at the history behind plant names and symbolisms. NC auditorium. 45 min.

2:00 p.m.- Valley of the Green Dragon!! - A hike to see the elusive Green Dragon, a close relative to the Jack-in-the Pulpit. Be prepared for a long hike. 2 hr. Meet at Canyon Inn front steps.

4:00 p.m.- Up-Close Wildflowers- Learn easy tips to sketching flowers; an excellent skill if you don't want to bring a heavy field guide! 1 hr. Meet at the Nature Center.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22- EARTH DAY!

9:30 a.m.- Redbud Ramble- Wildflower Walk. Meet at Canyon Inn front steps. 1.5 hr.

**9:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Nature Center-
*Friends of McCormick's Creek
Native Plant Sale***

**Afternoon EARTH DAY Activities!
Visit the Nature Center for special
activities to commemorate
Earth Day 2007!**



AIR-SOIL-WATER-AIR-SOIL-WATER-AIR-SOIL

1:00 p.m.- A Look at Air Pollution- activities for all ages to enjoy.

2:00 p.m.- Decomposers- learn about how long it takes for waste to decompose.

3:00 p.m.- Creek Critters- Scan the creek for macroinvertebrates, they can help us understand the quality of the water. Start from Nature Center.

3rd annual Garlic Mustard Massacre

April 28, 2007

Alert: Garlic mustard is an extremely invasive plant spreads rapidly and quickly chokes out native plants (like our spectacular spring wildflowers!). Controlling Garlic mustard is vital to protecting the beauty of our park.

We need your help to

defeat this threat!



All participants *must register* at the Nature Center. Registration is from 9-9:30am for the morning shift (ends at 11am) and 1-1:30am for the afternoon shift (ends at 3pm). During registration, volunteers will learn how to identify and pull Garlic mustard, pick up supplies, and meet your shift leader. Please wear comfortable shoes and long pants. Water will be provided when you register.

Group participation is welcome! If you will be bringing a large group (10+ people), please let the Nature Center know in advance at 829-4344. Groups can earn a Hoosier Pathfinder Patch with their participation in this service project.

Arbor Day Activities!

Sunday, April 29

(Arbor Day is actually Apr. 27)

Meet at the Nature Center

11:00 a.m.- Easy Tree I.D.

2:00 p.m.- Meet the Tree Activities